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CLEAN VERSION OF CLAIMS WITH AMENDMENTS OF 1/17/02

What is claimed as being new and desired to be protected by LETTERS PATENT of the United States is as follows:

1. (Canceled)

(Twice Amended) A tape measure system comprising:

the tape having a short leading edge and a parallel short trailing edge and having long parallel side edges there between including a first side edge and a second side edge, the tape having a front face and a rear face; and

indicia formed on the front face and including continuing first indicia lines equally spaced at a first distance along the entire central length of the tape, the indicia also including continuing repeating second indicia lines along the first side edge laterally spaced from the first indicia lines with the second indicia lines being equally spaced at a second distance different from the first distance, the indicia also including continuing repeating third indicia lines along the second side edge laterally spaced from the first indicia lines with the third indicia lines being equally spaced at a third distance different from the first distance and second distance[; and

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a strengthening component formed continuously along the length of the tape and fabricated of an essentially inextensible material].

- 3. (Canceled)
- 4. (Canceled)
- 5. (Canceled)
- 6. (Canceled)
- 7. (Canceled)
- 8. (Canceled)
- 9. (Canceled)
- 10. (Canceled)
- 11. (Canceled)